

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device to recognize characters in a text image read by an image scanner, comprising:
  - a multiple recognition deviceprogram to separately perform character recognition of the text image using respective recognition methods;
  - an extraction deviceprogram to extract locations of non-coinciding results in the characters recognized by the respective recognition methods; and
  - an output deviceprogram to designate the non-coinciding locations extracted by the extraction deviceprogram and to output character recognition results for the text image.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device to recognize characters in a text image read by an image scanner, comprising:
  - a first recognition deviceprogram to recognize the characters in the text image using a first character recognition method;
  - a second recognition deviceprogram to recognize the characters in the text image using a second character recognition method different from the first character recognition method;
  - an extraction deviceprogram to extract locations of recognized characters in the text image wherein the recognition results of the first recognition deviceprogram do not coincide with the recognition results of the second recognition deviceprogram; and
  - an output deviceprogram to output character recognition results designating the non-coinciding locations extracted by the extraction deviceprogram.
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, wherein the output deviceprogram contrasts the text image and the character recognition results.
4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, wherein the output deviceprogram contrasts the text image and the character recognition

results.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

a display having a display screen to display character recognition results, wherein the output deviceprogram contrasts the text image and the character recognition results while displaying the character recognition results on the display screen, and displays a cursor in a display area of the character recognition results while displaying the text image in a format that designates the location of the text image coordinated at the position of the cursor.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

a display having a display screen to display character recognition results, wherein the output deviceprogram contrasts the text image and the character recognition results while displaying the character recognition results on the display screen, and displays a cursor in a display area of the character recognition results while displaying the text image in a format that designates the location of the text image coordinated at the position of the cursor.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output a symbol or a blank to display locations that do not coincide instead of the recognized characters.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output a symbol or a blank to display locations that do not coincide instead of the recognized characters.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output the recognized characters with a high evaluation value for the non-coinciding locations that have the same number of recognized characters in an

output format that is different from the output format of the non-coinciding locations.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output the recognized characters with a high evaluation value for the non-coinciding locations that have the same number of recognized characters in an output format that is different from the output format of the non-coinciding locations.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output the recognized characters of the non-coinciding locations selected using a prescribed standard for the non-coincident locations with a different number of recognized characters in a format that is different from the output format for the non-coinciding locations.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output the recognized characters of the non-coinciding locations selected using a prescribed standard for the non-coincident locations with a different number of recognized characters in a format that is different from the output format for the non-coinciding locations.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output in a format indicating that the recognition results coincide but have a low recognition reliability.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A character recognition device as recited in claim 2, further comprising:

an output deviceprogram to output in a format indicating that the recognition results coincide but have a low recognition reliability.

15. (ORIGINAL) A character recognition method to recognize characters in a text

image read by an image scanner, comprising:

recognizing characters in the text image using a prescribed recognition method;

recognizing characters in the text image using a recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method;

extracting non-coinciding locations between the recognition results of the character recognition using the prescribed recognition method and the recognition results of the character recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method; and

designating the non-coinciding locations extracted and outputting the recognition results of the characters in the text image.

16. (ORIGINAL) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a character recognition method of recognizing characters in a text image read by an image scanner, the character recognition method comprising:

recognizing characters in the text image using a prescribed recognition method;

recognizing characters in the text image using a recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method;

extracting the non-coinciding locations between the recognition results of the character recognition using the prescribed recognition method and the recognition results of the character recognition method different from the prescribed recognition method; and

designating the non-coinciding locations extracted and outputting the recognition results of the characters in the text image.

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